

HEALTH CONDITIONS SHOW IMPROVEMENT AT GUARD CAMPS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—General improvement in health conditions in the national guard divisions for the week ending December 14 was reported today by the division of field sanitation. In the national army, however, there was an increase in the total cases of pneumonia, measles and meningitis due to renewed outbreaks in a few of the divisions.

With the exception of the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Fortieth divisions, said the report, but few new cases of measles are reported from the national guard camps. Pneumonia following measles is also rapidly decreasing in all but three of the divisions in which measles has been epidemic.

Those three divisions are the Thirtieth, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-ninth. Meningitis has increased in only the Thirtieth and Thirty-fifth divisions.

Marked increases in measles is reported in the Eighty-seventh and Nineteenth national army divisions with a slight increase in the Ninth. Pneumonia conditions in all divisions except the Nineteenth improved.

During the week but 77 new cases were reported in that division, an increase of 35 over last week. There has been a marked increase in meningitis in the Eighty-first division, but the epidemic in the Eighty-ninth division continues to decline.

Deaths for the week in the guard division totaled 165 as against 190 the week previous and those in the national army 97 against 144 the week before. Of the guardsmen dying, 143 succumbed to pneumonia and 12 to meningitis. In the national army there were 63 deaths from pneumonia and 18 from meningitis.

There was a decrease of 128 cases of pneumonia in the guard camps, the total for the week being 294 against 422 the week previous. Cases of measles decreased from 2,637 the previous week to 1,058 and meningitis from 42 to nothing.

In the national army there was an increase of 124 cases of pneumonia with 294 this week, against 1,269 the week before, while meningitis cases were 61 against 25 last week.

FRANCISCO VILLA CHANGES HIS NAME

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EL PASO, Dec. 19.—Francisco Villa has changed his name and is now operating under the name of Severino Gonzalez, according to escaped federal prisoners who have reached Chihuahua City and made reports to the commander there. With Martin Lopez, Villa has been conducting a guerrilla campaign in Chihuahua state, under the name of Gonzalez and looted several small towns, held up a railroad train and killed a number of civilians. Villa's other name which is used when he is referred to in any official communication of the Mexican government is Doroteo Arango, which was the name he dropped when he became a bandit in the Mexican mountains.

A report of fighting between federal troops and Villa soldiers near Parral was received here tonight. No details of the fighting were given, but the Villa command was said to be going in the direction of the Durango mountains.

FOR SEDITIOUS UTTERANCES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 19.—William Huhn, a sheep ranch foreman, was found guilty in federal court here today of making seditious utterances. Raymond Wilson testified that Huhn had expressed the hope that the American military forces would suffer disaster and also had made threats against the president. Sentence will be pronounced December 28.

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OVER TWO HUNDRED HINDUS LAND FROM U. S. A. IN CALCUTTA

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A band of more than 200 Hindus from the United States actually landed in Calcutta in the early part of the world war, for the purpose of starting a revolt in India, according to testimony adduced at the trial here today of several Hindus and others for conspiracy to establish a revolutionary government in that country.

"When we set out from Hongkong we had no arms," testified Nawab Khan, who said he was one of the leaders of the party. "We were told that we were to get arms in India, and that if we did not get them we were to storm all police stations and seize the arms of the police. We were told we must win the native army over to our side, wreck all telegraph, railroad and other lines of communication and kill all traitors."

Nawab testified that the party was halted at Calcutta by a British military unit and all members placed under arrest, with the exception of himself and certain other Hindus, who were released for reasons not made known.

The German consul at Hongkong was appealed to to see that the party was not hauled or attacked by the German raider Emden, which was then cruising in the south Pacific, but no such assurance could be given, Nawab testified.

American universities were used as a direct means of fitting young Hindus to be leaders in the proposed revolution, according to Nawab. He testified that five young Hindus were picked each year from many candidates and awarded scholarships at several American universities in order that they might become mentally equipped to take leading parts in the proposed revolution. Har Dyal, formerly connected with the faculty of Leland Stanford Jr. University, and one of the defendants, was one of the trustees of the scholarship fund, Nawab said.

TO INVENTORY SECURITIES

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Unsold securities may be inventoried for income or excess profit returns at cost, as heretofore, or at cost or market price, whichever is lower, under a ruling of the commissioner of internal revenue approved tonight by Secretary McAdoo. It is expected to check liquidation by investors holding depreciating stocks. The ruling also allows supplies, raw materials and unsold merchandise to be inventoried at market price or at cost, at the preference of the owner. But in both cases it is stipulated that the method adopted must be adhered to in future years.

AUSTRO-GERMANS RENEW EFFORTS TO ROUT THE ITALIANS

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ing day, will be used in making pies for Christmas.

The Christmas menu, which is to be the most elaborate the troops thus far have had, will include soup, turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce, two or three kinds of vegetables, apple and mince pie, fresh fruit and nuts.

The Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross are providing the soldiers with individual gifts, including tobacco and candy. The Y. M. C. A. also is supplying Christmas trees and special entertainments at each of its M. C. A. hut or in barracks where no huts are located. The American Soldiers' and Sailors' club and other organizations in Paris also will provide extra Christmas features for the men.

Statement from Haig

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Minor operations only are reported in the statement from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight. The text of the statement reads:

"During the night a hostile raiding

Toys

Now has come the time to buy toys, if you haven't done so before. Stocks will be depleted in this and that line and many who wait will be disappointed.

Yet plenty of hand cars, tricycles, wagons, coasters, etc. Games, blocks, balls, books, etc., etc. Children's writing desks, beds, dolls, chairs, etc.

Miniature Electric Trains

An extensive assortment of passenger trains. An electric train outfit is highly educational to the boy. These may be operated either on batteries or from the lighting circuit. Simple and easy to operate. Sets from \$3.50 to \$25.00.

American River Mechanical miniature railroads for the American boy. With guaranteed locomotives. The sets consist of engine, tender, baggage car and passenger cars, with oval-shaped tracks. Various sizes, \$2.50 to \$5.50.

Ready-Made Bath Robes

We are showing the largest line this season we have ever had—all made of fine quality bath robe cloth, in beautiful patterns and colorings— attractively made and finished. Prices range up to —Basement

Packing Your Gifts

Tissue paper. Boxes for packing gifts, holly, covered or plain red—a large assortment of sizes.

Dennison's Christmas labels. Christmas tree ornaments, 25c a box. Dennison's dinner favors and place cards.

A large variety of sizes and designs. See them in our basement gift store.

Cut Glass and Silver Deposit Ware

You will find a very complete showing of these especially desirable things for gifts.

Salts and Peppers, Vinegar Bottles, Lemonade Glasses, Bud Vases, Water Sets, Pickle Dishes, Fruit Dishes, Candle Sticks, Mustard Dishes, Cake Dishes, Creamers and Sugars, Water Tumblers, Flower Vases, Comfort Dishes, etc., etc.

Every Woman Loves Furs

The gift enduring. In them are combined the useful, the practical, and every woman needs them these motoring days. Beautiful models in stoles, muffs, capes, capettes and rug style neck pieces made from the perfect pelts of the fox, wolf, Hudson seal, skunk, Jap mink, lynx, kitt fox, mole and beaver.

Beacon Blankets are in a class unto themselves

You'll find our display of these famous blankets in our basement—the largest you've seen. The Beacon method of treating, dyeing and weaving cotton into blankets is yet without equal.

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Make ideal Christmas gifts; for women's and men's bath robes select yours now from a big stock of handsome patterns and colors; prices complete with cords and fasteners, priced at \$4.50.

—Beacon Jacquard Plaid Blankets, \$5.

—Beacon Jacquard Comfortables, \$4.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

—Beacon Indian Blankets, fine for auto robes, dens, couch covers, etc., etc.

—Beacon Traveling Rugs, \$5.

—Beacon Crib Blankets, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

—Beacon Army Blankets in drab and army gray; extra heavy. Size 60x34. Price \$5.99 each.

For the Traveler and Automobilist

Automobile restaurant cases, well made, fitted for four and six people, \$12.50 to \$27.50.

Thermos cases, in patent leather and sole leather, \$1.50 to \$16.50.

Wardrobe trunks, traveling bags and suitcases in all sizes and prices. Very suitable gifts. —BASEMENT

The Christmas Store



Gifts For Men!

Friend, brother, husband or sweetheart—we have gifts for all. New and fresh, too—as we do not carry men's wear except at Christmas time.

—Neckwear—a beautiful line of silk four-in-hand ties that will please the most fastidious dresser, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

—Smoking Jackets, \$5.75 to \$11.50.

—Bath Robes, \$2.95 to \$9.50.

—Lounging Robes, \$32.50.

—Smoking Sets, Cigar Cases \$2.50 to \$12.50.

—Collar Bags and Cases, fitted or non-fitted, 75c to \$5.00.

—Men's Bill Books.

—Men's Toilet Cases, \$1.50 to \$18.00.

—Men's Neckwear Cases, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

—Men's Pullman Shavers, \$2 and \$2.50.

—Men's Shaving Brushes, with mirror, 65c.

—Silk Shirts in a fine variety of patterns, \$1.00 to \$1.75 a yard.

—Men's Handkerchiefs, initialed or plain linen, 25c to \$1.00 each.

Gift Novelties in the Jewelry and Leather Goods Sections

Music folios and cases, \$1.75 to \$4.50.

Kodak albums and automobile trip books, 50c to \$3.50.

Clothes brushes with flexible leather backs, \$2.00.

Silk and velvet handbags with pretty fancy silk linings, \$3.00 to \$14.50.

Leather handbags and purses, in a variety of new shapes, \$1.39 to \$18.00.

Sewing baskets and sets, \$1.25 to \$16.50.

Correspondence folios, \$2.00 to \$8.50.

Brass desk sets, six and seven pieces to a set, \$9.00 to \$16.50.

Letter holders, letter clips, bill files, ink wells, pen trays, desk pads, paper weights, candlesticks, 75c to \$3.75.

Library shears, \$1.50 to \$4.50 a set.

Book ends, \$2.75 to \$5.00.

Perpetual calendars, \$1.50 to \$2.75.

Playing card cases, \$2.50, \$2.75.

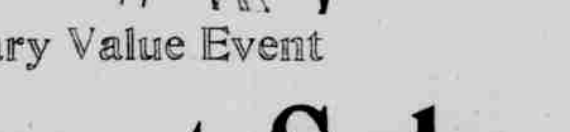
Desk scales, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Interesting Handkerchief Values

Because we fortunately placed our orders early, we were able to show wonderful assortments of handkerchiefs. We are very well stocked now, but even then in some lines we will be unable to supply this week's demand. Shop early!

Silk Waists

Make appropriate presents—and so much appreciated by any woman. Our large variety of models gives Christmas shoppers a splendid selection.



A Most Extraordinary Value Event

The Garment Sale

We want to clear our store of Winter Garments!

Incomparably beautiful garments created by the cleverest designers and makers, carefully purchased at the right prices, are to be closed out at great reductions.

Men who are in doubt—give a suit, a pretty dress or a coat! You'll find the sale prices assure you a considerable saving.

Suits Dresses Coats

1-4 to 1-2 OFF 1-4 to 1-3 OFF 1-4 to 1-3 OFF

Regular Prices

The season's accepted fabrics and practically all the new styles are represented. Tailored, fancy and short coat models—fur trimmed or plain, in all sizes—to choose from. Suits of broadcloth, silvertone, velours, serges and mixtures in burgundy, taupe, Feking blue, African brown, Havana brown, navy, Russian green and black.

Charming dresses in profusion. The range of colors and styles embraces everything that is new this season. There are models of velvet, satin, silk crepe, combinations of silk and velvet or silk crepe and satin. All to be closed out at one-fourth to one-third off regular prices.

Extraordinary values indeed—this means you're going to have an opportunity to save a good share of what you had expected to spend for a coat. We want particularly to mention the plush coat. Made from the finest quality plush, trimmed with fur—they are certainly wonderful values at these reduced prices.

Have You Bought Red Cross Seals?

party was driven off by our fire east of Guemeppe (Arras sector). Other raiding parties attacked two of our posts in the neighborhood of Avion; two of our men are missing.

"As a result of raids unsuccessfully attempted by the enemy last night near Passchendaele we captured fourteen prisoners and four machine guns. The enemy's artillery has shown considerable activity in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert and Polygon wood (Ypres sector)."

A Reiter dispatch from Petrograd says that a decree has been issued turning over the entire administration of the fleets to central committees.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Post says that the Cossacks finally occupied Rostovon Monday. The infantry joined the Cossacks, the rear guard surrendering.

General Kaledines, hetman of the Cossacks, has proposed to the Bolshevik government that civil strife cease, stipulating the independence of the Don territory and non-intervention by the Maximilists.

Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,000 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the last week, according to the admiralty statement tonight. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine last week are slightly under those of the previous week when fourteen vessels of more than 1,000 tons

and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

French Shipping Losses

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending December 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1,000 tons was sunk and none over 1,000 tons. One ship was attacked but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

The official communication issued by the war office tonight says:

"Reciprocal bombardments occurred in the region of Juvincourt and north of the Cameriers wood (Champsagne) as well as in the sectors of Hartmann-sweilerkopf and Schoenholz in the Woivre. An enemy attack on our trenches before Regneville failed under our fire."

Norwegian Vessels Lost

OSLO, Dec. 19.—The loss of two small Norwegian steamers is reported by the Norwegian foreign office. The Maigard of 1250 tons was torpedoed with the loss of three men. Twelve other members of her crew were saved. The steamer Marron struck a mine, five members of her crew being killed.

Reinstate Death Penalty

PETROGRAD, Monday, Dec. 17.—The commissioner of justice is preparing a decree reinstating the death penalty for "enemies of the nation."

Foreign Minister Trotsky has issued a decree stating that all consuls abroad

are to be elected by the Russian colonies in the cities in which they reside, but that the ambassadors shall be named by the government at the Smolny Institute.

The decree says that M. Nabokoff, ambassador in London, and M. Krupensky, ambassador at Tokio, must appear before the criminal court to answer to the charge of spreading false information regarding the armistice, or that otherwise their lands will be confiscated.

M. Trotsky in a speech today laid the responsibility for the suicide of General Skellon, former governor of Warsaw, and for the death of General Dukhonin, on the shoulders of the allies and advisers of the imperial governments, who forced these men to take the mad step of trying to prevent negotiations with the Germans regarding the armistice.

The executive council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine and cereals and shops. A government of commissioners for the Caucasus has been formed at Tiflis. E. P. Gegezhkovi of Kutais, leader of the social democrats in the duma, has been chosen president of the commissioners.

Great German Force

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front is placed in official dispatches received here today at 154 divisions, or within

one division of the great force massed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Withdrawals from Russia and drafts upon the younger classes of reservists have enabled the Kaiser not only to make up the enormous losses suffered in bloody battles with the allies but to replace the men sent to aid the

Austrians in their invasion of Italy. Winter therefore finds the Germans with armies facing the allies in France virtually equal to the largest ever before mustered, with advertisement of a great offensive, which may preface another peace proposal.

The allies, however, are understood to maintain a considerable superiority in numbers on the French front.

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